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Text Set

Bridwell, Norman (1997). *Clifford's First Valentine's Day*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-590-92162-2

Even dogs celebrate holidays like humans. Clifford the Big Red Dog, celebrates Valentine's Day with Emily Elizabeth by creating cards for their family members to show them how much they love them. This book is good for introducing holidays with humor because Clifford falls down the mail chute and gets lost in the mail cart. The children would enjoy this book and would enjoy the pictures. It also shows them, that the gifts made from the heart or made at home, mean the most.

Ages 5-7 Lexile 490L

Gómez, Rebecca (2003). *It's St. Patrick's Day!* New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-439-44160-9

A children's book with wonderful illustrations, allows the students to see what St. Patrick's Day is really all about. It allows them to see that it isn't about whether you wear green or not, but the things you do and what St. Patrick's Day is really about. This book would be a great mechanism to teach not only holidays, but heritages.

Scholastic Grade Levels 1.6 (Interest K-2)

Korman, Justine (1995). *The Grumpy Easter Bunny*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-439-63595

The Grumpy Easter Bunny would not only be a good book to talk about what children do on Easter morning, but it is also a very good example of what it is like to be greedy. This book shows children that Easter isn't about just them, but about others as well. The grumpy Easter bunny decides to eat all of his treats instead of hiding them for the other animals and when he sees just how upset the kittens are he wishes he would have hid them instead. This illustrates to children that just because you aren't happy, doesn't mean taking from others is the right thing to do.

Lexile 490L

Bateman, Teresa (2004). *April Foolishness*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-439-86636-7

April Fool's Day is a fun holiday, but it is one that children enjoy. *April Foolishness* is a fun book that will help show the children how April Fool's day is all a joke, but can be made to seem serious because in this book the children are trying to fool their grandfather into thinking that all of the farm animals are running loose and he does not believe them because it is April Fool's day. Then the grandma tells him that even though it is April Fool's day they kids aren't fooling him

and he believes her and that is his April Fool's trick. This book can be used to teach children the fun of a foolish holiday and how people can think you're joking just because it's April Fool's day even if you aren't.
Ages 5-7 Lexile 440L

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin (1998). *Inside a House that is Haunted*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-590-16362-0

A book illustrated with wonderful drawings, uses visuals to aid students in reading. This book is very colorful and allows the students to see what Halloween is really about. It shows the children how fun Halloween is supposed to be, and it shows them that it isn't real. It gives them a sense of comfort when it shows the haunted house and the different things that go on inside the house. The story, however, is so drastic that it makes Halloween seem as if it can't be real.
Scholastic Grade Levels 2.1 (Interest K-2)

Osborne, Mary Pope (2002). *Thanksgiving on Thursday*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-439-57753-5

Thanksgiving on Thursday is a third grade book, but for students who are reading above grade level. It teaches the children about Thanksgiving, but it also has fiction characteristics as well to make the book more fun for children. The book takes two young children on an adventure back in time to 1621 on the first day of Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims. It allows the children to see how Thanksgiving was originally started and actually what it takes to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner.
Ages 6-9 Lexile 340L

Greene, Rhonda Gowler (2002). *The Very First Thanksgiving Day*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-439-57441-2

This is a non-fiction book that teaches the students about Thanksgiving Day and how it was first started. It teaches them about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims and how they started Thanksgiving. The illustrations are very in depth and they allow children to see what it was like in 1621. This book is a very good non-fiction example of literature for young children.
Scholastic Grade Levels 3.9 (Interest Pre K-K)

Robinson, Barbara (1972). *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. New York: Harper Trophy.
ISBN 0-06-440275-4

This novel deals with a family of children who are said to be the worst kids in history. The children decide to go to church and they take over the annual Christmas pageant. These children are so bad that they talk dirty, they beat up on other children, they cuss and they catch things on fire. This novel will teach children how they should behave and how they should respect others and also teach them about the Christmas spirit.
Ages 8-12 Lexile 930L

Fleming, Denise (2005). *The First Day of Winter*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN-13: 978-0-439-90878-8
ISBN-10: 0-439-90878-7

Teaching children that Christmas isn't all about getting presents is very important because it teaches children not to be greedy. This book allows children to see that Christmas isn't about getting presents, but it is about what you can do during Christmas time to have fun. (i.e. build a snow man and dress it with items you collect from friends or with items you find laying around your house.) Christmas isn't all about the presents and family, but about what you do to make it fun and what you do to make it memorable.

Scholastic Interest Pre K-K Lexile 0L (Beginning Reader)

Rühmann, Karl (2002). *The Little Christmas Tree*. New York: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN 0-439-71175-4

This children's book is a good example to use when showing children that not all people are the same. It shows them that even though you are different, you are still perfect in some way. Christmas isn't about making you happy, but giving to others and treating others with kindness and that is what Peter did to the fir tree each and every Christmas.

Scholastic Interests K-2

Brewer, Bunnie. (n.d.). *Christmas traditions*. Retrieved from
<http://its.guildford.k12.nc.us/webquests/hworld/chris.htm>

The *Christmas Traditions* WebQuest allows children to see that Christmas is celebrated in many different ways around the world. It shows the students that not all countries call Santa, "Santa" and that not everyone says "Merry Christmas." This WebQuest sends children on a mission to find out how they say "Merry Christmas" in other places around the world and how they refer to "Santa" if they do at all. This will teach children the diversity in holidays celebrated around the world.

Grades K-3